

House File 326 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the development of guidelines for the
2 attainment of high-performance certification applicable to
3 elementary and secondary public school buildings.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 297.7A High-performance
2 certification — guidelines.

3 1. The department of education shall establish guidelines
4 for school districts to follow regarding submitting an
5 application for certification of the construction or renovation
6 of an elementary or secondary public school building to the
7 United States green building council's leadership in energy
8 and environmental design program. The guidelines shall
9 provide contact information, sample applications, examples of
10 successful construction and renovation projects undertaken by
11 other school districts in this state and the costs incurred
12 and energy savings resulting from the projects, and a list of
13 criteria for school districts to consider regarding energy
14 efficiency installations and upgrades. The guidelines shall be
15 posted on the department's internet site and updated annually.

16 2. The department shall by rule establish and publicize a
17 recognition program for school districts that achieve silver,
18 gold, or platinum certification pursuant to the energy and
19 environmental design program.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill requires the department of education to develop
22 guidelines for the attainment of high-performance certification
23 by the United States green building council's leadership
24 in energy and environmental design program applicable to
25 elementary and secondary public school buildings. The bill
26 states that the guidelines shall provide contact information
27 for the council, sample applications, examples of successful
28 construction and renovation projects undertaken by other
29 school districts, and a list of criteria for school districts
30 to consider regarding energy efficiency installations and
31 upgrades.

32 The bill provides that the department shall post the
33 guidelines on the department's internet site and update them on
34 an annual basis. The bill requires the department to establish
35 and publicize a recognition program for school districts that

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1 achieve specified certification levels pursuant to the energy
2 and environmental design program.